



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/458,077
Filing Date	December 10, 1999
First Named Inventor	Nariaki SHIMOE
Art Unit	3761
Examiner Name	KIDWELL, MICHELLE
Attorney Docket Number	2038-230

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on -----  
*(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).*
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on -----
  - iii.  Other: -----
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other: Petition to Revive

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ----- months. *(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)*
- b.  Other -----

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - **\$770.00 (previously paid on April 15, 2004)**
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other: Petition and Additional Claim Fees
- b.  Check No. ----- in the amount of \$----- is enclosed.
- c.  Payment by Credit Card Form PTO-2038 enclosed.

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PATENT

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For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUIDS ABSORBENT ARTICLE

: Confirmation No. 8402

: Group Art Unit: 3761

: Examiner: M. Kidwell

**AMENDMENT SUBMISSION UNDER 1.114**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the final Official Action dated *January 15, 2004*

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